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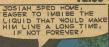






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## INA'S INTUITION

With trembling hands, John Corley opened the large envelope that he had found in his mail box. His wife, Ina, watched him with understanding and perhaps a bit of amusement.

"The way you are acting one might think it was a matter of life and death," she half scold-

ed him.

Finally he took out the contents of the envelope and looked very carefully for a signature. Then he reread the letter with it. He dropped everything on the table and gave his wife a big

hug and kiss.

"They signed the contract," he said with almost boyish glee in his voice. "And an advance royalty check of \$1200. Now all I have to do is to write the book. One year's time to complete it. They liked the outline and the first three chapters. The title, "Tranquility" will be kept."

"So we'll start packing," suggested Ina. "We have to live on a close budget for the next year. Rent won't cost us a single cent, Mother will

give us the two rooms upstairs."

John Corley didn't like the idea of spending the next year as a non-paying guest with his mother-in-law. He still had the old Corley pride in him.

"Rent won't cost us a single cent," he repeated. "We'll live in that old house that Uncle Jim left me. What have you got against the place? You just don't like the name Ghosttown, yet years ago it was a thriving mining town. The gold vein in the old Tumbleton mine just ran out.

Do this for me, darling. We'll be by ourselves and happy."

Ina felt a slight shudder go through her entire frame. What woman wants to live in a place with the name of Ghosttown? Her intuition told her to insist they forget everything and live with her mother. Yet she realized that quietness was essential for her husband if he was to meditate deeply and write his book.

"Wherever you go, so go I," she said with a forced smile on her face. "Go ahead and write Mr. Pinkerton when we will be there."

Herbert Pinkerton ran the general store, gasoline station, the post office, and was the mayor of Ghosttown, U.S.A., which had a population of exactly 57 people. He watched the second hand car pull before his place. He went out to greet the young couple in the car.

"I'm Herbert Pinkerton," he told them. "You

must be Mr. and Mrs. Corley."

"Right," laughed John. "We came through town but couldn't find my place. What happened to it?"

"It is located three miles out of town," ex-

"Follow me in my car."

Ten minutes later the two cars pulled up before a single story old wooden cabin that looked like a stockade. Mr. Pinkerton got out of his car and opened the door and the windows. Suddenly a long thin snake crawled out of the doorway. Ina shrieked in terror and grabbed the hand of her husband.

"Save me," she shouted. "It will hite me!"
"It won't bite you," assured Mr. Pinkerton.
"It is perfectly harmless. Please don't scare
the snakes around here."

They entered the cabin and looked around.

It was made out of heavy thick logs.

"What was this place?" asked John.
"At one time it was a pony express station," said Mr. Pinkerton.

"The Apaches attacked it and killed everybody. Then your great-grandfather bought it. He raised animals of all kinds and made money seling them to the miners. There was a story about this place being haunted. They say your great-grandfather had a lot of money which was never found.

Your Uncle Jim, I knew well. He was afraid of this place, but it couldn't be sold. There was a condition in your great-grandfather's will about that. He left money in trust to pay the

tavec"

Soon they brought in all their baggage, Mr. Pinkerton explained about food. They could shop at his place because there wasn't an ice-box in the cabin. Food could be kept cool by placing it in large stone jars. There was a small stream about five hundred yards from the cabin. The jars would then be placed in the water.

"Good trout fishing," he told John.

Then he left them and they started to get the cabin in order. They had brought a supply of

canned foods with them and a small gasoline stove. Ina made supper. Water came from a well outside.

"Maybe it's my nerves," she conceded. "But

listen carefully. Sounds like moaning."

John concentrated and then walked over to one of the walls, He moved a bench to the wall and climbed on it. He held up the palm of his hand.

"Air vents," he explained to his wife. "You get a sound like moaning when the air comes

through these small spaces."

"Lucky me to have such a smart husband," we start all she told him. They had supper and retried early. John slept as though he were dead to the world, but Ina was awake for most of the night. She fell asleep towards morning, but with a nightmare. The cabin was chasing her to the stream and shooting big arrows at her.

"I must have been a bit dizzy last night but I actually felt the cabin swaying," she told her

husband.

"Your imagination," he informed her. "I think this is so solidly built it could withstand a hurricane."

That afternoon they had visitors. A middleaged man and his wife introduced themselves.

"I'm Frank Sarder and this is my wife Tina. I am part Apache. Seems your great-grandfather and my great-grandfather were blood brothers. That must make us something. I own the Bar-H Ranch about sixty miles south of here. Anything I can do, just let me know. Mr. Pinkerton told me you were a young writer.

You could write about this place. They say it is haunted. Must be so. According to a story told to me by my father, your great-grandfather was once here alone. Some thirty Pawnees were fighting him. Then all shooting stopped. By some kind of magic, your great-grandfather got out of the cabin, took a Pawnee horse, and met some Apaches. They helped him.

"That proves I am right," interrupted Ina,
"There's something about this place I don't
like. Can't explain it. Perhaps the entire past is

in the walls and it vibrates back."
"Must take the female side," said Tina Sarder,

"Any time you folks get bored here, come and visit us. We'll give you a big guest house for yourselves. We'll be by here next week. So

you can let us know."

When the Sarders had left, Ina turned to her husband and said what was on her mind.

"Let's get out of here before something dreadful happens."

"If that's the way you really feel, then who am I fooling?" he told her. "I can't write a book on tranquility with this uneasiness in the air. I surrender. We'll go to your mother's place but not for a few more days, Is it a deal?"

"Of course, darling," she said as she gave her

husband a kiss.

By the end of six more days, John was definitely convinced that something was the matter with the place.

"It seems to shiver, if that makes any sense,"

he told his wife.

And then it happened. The cabin swayed back and forth and the entire floor, with the two of them on it collapsed! They had no idea of how far they had fallen. There was a beam of light from above. They were in some kind of a pit.

"We could be trapped down here forever,"

sobbed Ina. "This is the end."

"Suppose we stay put for awhile," suggested her husband. "Mr. Pinkerton or the Sarder's should be around."

Edward Steiman from the contract department of the Houton Publishing Company, went in to see Mr. Plummer of the editorial depart-

"That book on Tranquility is overdue," he informed his chief. "We paid Mr. Corley an advance of \$1200." "Mr. Corley tried to return the money even with interest. But it was re-

fused," replied the editor.
"So what do we do?" asked Mr. Steiman.

We just will be very nice to Mr. Corley. He bought the company and thus got back his contract."

"Where did he get all that money?" demanded an astonished Mr. Steiman.

"I'm not too certain about the details," smiled Mr. Plummer. "Something about a woman's intuition. There was a real gold mine underneath some kind of a floor in an old cabin. He got the mine, Millions of dollars of gold in it."

"What's the name of this new mine?" Mr Steiman wanted to know. "Ina's Intuition," was

the reply.

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